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## Bradley Sues for Damages

### Alleges Pain, Anxiety in JFK Murder Probe

Edgar Eugene Bradley, one of the reluctant "witnesses" in the Clay Shaw case who was successful in fighting extradition to Louisiana to be quizzed by Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison, filed a \$1.5 million libel suit in California Thursday against more than 50 defendants.

Bradley, a 50-year-old North Hollywood resident, filed his suit against individuals and news media who he said were

responsible for Garrison's assertion he (Bradley) helped plot the death of President John F. Kennedy.

Among defendants named in the suit are Westinghouse Broadcasting Co. and its San Francisco radio and television stations; author Mark Lane, a critic of the Warren Commission Report on the death of the president; a group called the Assassination Inquiry Committee and its members, Dr. A. George Abbott, Prescott Nichols, Dr. Stephen Pauley and Jon Olson; the Los Angeles Free Press and its editor-publisher Arthur Kunkin, and the New York Free Press and its co-publishers Jack Banning and Kurt Brussel.

Also named were Jay Singer, identified as a reporter for the New York Free Press, a man identified only as Wesley Brice, and 50 John Does.

Asked if Garrison or anyone on his staff were included in the John Does, Asst. Dist. Atty. James L. Alcock, who prosecut-

ed the Shaw case, said, "This is the first I've heard about the suit. It sounds like he's suing everybody, but no one in this office has been served as of yet."

Alcock said he can not make any comments on the suit until he sees the petition filed with it.

Bradley seeks \$1 million in general damages and \$500,000 in punitive damages.

He said his long legal battle to avoid extradition cost him much money and that statements made about him caused him "great anxiety and pain of mind."

Bradley said news media statements led to Garrison's extradition attempts; and he accused the suit defendants of falsely stating he was in Dallas on or about Nov. 22, 1963, the assassination location and date.